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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

### AFRICA.

#### *Plague in Cape Town.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 9, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the Department is in receipt of a telegram of the 8th instant from the vice consul-general at Cape Town which reads as follows, viz, "Plague exists in Cape Town."

Respectfully,

DAVID J. HILL,  
*Acting Secretary.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

### BRAZIL.

#### *Sanitary report from Rio de Janeiro.*

RIO DE JANEIRO, *January 3, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official sanitary report for December 1 to December 15, inclusive.

There were 563 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 25, as compared with the foregoing period, being at the rate of 37.53 per diem and corresponding to an annual death rate of 17.58 per thousand against 39.2 and 18.36, as compared with the previous fortnight.

The number of deaths in regard to infectious and contagious diseases was as follows: Tuberculosis, 114 against 104; smallpox, 27 against 35; malarious fever, 24 against 29; plague, 7 against 10; beriberi, 3 against 6; dysentery, 3 against 2; influenza, 3 against 2; typhoid fever, 2, the same as before; diphtheria, 2 against 0; measles, 0 against 6; yellow fever, 0 against 3.

#### *Plague.*

The march of plague at Rio de Janeiro has been as follows:

Date.	New cases.	Deaths at—		Cured.	Number of patients in hospital.	Date.	New cases.	Deaths at—		Cured.	Number of patients in hospital.
		Hos-pital.	Resi-dences.					Hos-pital.	Resi-dences.		
Dec. 1...	1	.....	.....	.....	18	Dec. 9...	2	2	.....	1	15
Dec. 2...	1	.....	.....	.....	19	Dec. 10...	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Dec. 3...	.....	2	.....	.....	17	Dec. 11...	1	.....	.....	.....	16
Dec. 4...	1	.....	.....	1	17	Dec. 12...	.....	1	.....	.....	16
Dec. 5...	1	.....	.....	2	16	Dec. 13...	1	1	.....	.....	15
Dec. 6...	.....	1	.....	.....	15	Dec. 14...	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Dec. 7...	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	Dec. 15...	1	.....	.....	7	9
Dec. 8...	4	.....	.....	3	16						

#### *Bills of health.*

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health at this office: December 18, steamship *Coleridge*, British, for New York. December 19, steamship *Llandudro*, British, for